2 4845/4846 Jodhpur-Ahmedabad Suryanagari Express to Bandra four days a week

3. 1269/1270 Rajkot-Bhopal express to Jabalpur *via* Bina-Katni (bi-weekly)

Frequency:

1. 1463/1464 Rajkot-Jabalpur Express from four days a week to five days a week

2 6509/6510 Ajmer-Bangalore Express from weekly to bi-weekly.

Privatisation of Unremunerative Rail Lines

271. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified unremunerative rail lines for privatisation;

(b) if so, the details therof;

(c) the terms and conditions laid down for privatisation of unremunerative rail lines; and

(d) the benefits likely to accrue to the railways by privatising unremunerative rail lines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) Ministry of Railways is contemplating concessioning of uneconomic branch lines and not their privatisation, which means grant of permission to private operators to operate uneconomic branch lines. The terms and conditions for such concessioning are not yet finalised.

(d) The objective is to reduce losses incurred by the Railways on these unremunerative branch lines.

Budget Hotels and Rail Yatri Niwas at Tirupati

272. DR. DASARINARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish Budget Hotels and Rail Yatri Niwas at Tirupati, for the convenience of visiting devotees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when Rail Yatri Niwas would be established there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILW AYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir. For the present there is no proposal for construction of Budget Hotels/Rail Yatri Niwas at Tirupati.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Remodelling and Beautification of Hyderabad and Vijayawada Railway Stations

273. DR DASARIN ARA Y ANA RAO: Will the Minister of RAIL WAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of the works of remodelling of Hyderabad railway station and beautification and other works at Vijayawada railway station in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) by when these works are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) The remodelling works of Hyderabad railway station under Phase-I and Phase-ll have been completed and inaugurated on 31.12.01. The beautification of station building of Vijayawada station has been completed. The status of other works being undctaken at Vijayawada station are as under:

S.No.	Work Description	Target Date
1	2	3
1.	Masonry pedestals around IRS type shelter columns on PF nos. 1 to7.	03/2002
2	Reconstruction of RCC washable apron on PF no. 1 for 540 m length	032002
3.	8" dia. New CI main from new RCC tank in Annexe Club to PF nos. 1 to 8 connecting all drinking water taps and service building	03/2000